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Annual report of the Executive Board to the Economic and Social Council and the FAO Council on its activities in 2006

In accordance with General Regulation VI.3 and pursuant to Executive Board decision 2000/EB.A/2, the Executive Board of the World Food Programme has the honour to present to the Economic and Social Council and the FAO Council this document for consideration:

I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

I. Following the decision taken at its Annual Session in 2006 to adopt the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, the Executive Board of the World Food Programme endorsed the amendments to Article VI, paragraph 2 (b) (viii) and Article XIV, paragraph 6 (b) of the General Regulations. In accordance with the provisions contained in Article XV of the General Regulations, the Executive Board hereby submits its recommendation, through the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and the Council of FAO and the FAO conference **for approval** by the United Nations General Assembly.

Proposed Amendments to the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

(a) Article VI, paragraph 2 (b) (viii):

Current text:

"consider the biennial report on inspections and investigations, and take such action thereon as it considers appropriate."

Amended text:

"consider the annual report of the Inspector General and take such action thereon as it considers appropriate."

(b) Article XIV, paragraph 6 (b):

Current text:

"biennial financial statements of WFP, together with the report of the

External Auditor;"

Amended text:

"annual financial statements of WFP, together with the report of the External Auditor;"

Subject the approval of the above amendments the revised WFP General Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 2008.

II. Amendments to the General Rules of the World Food Programme

Also subject to the approval of the above amendments, the Executive Board approved revisions of General Rules VI.1 and X.8 hereby presented **for information** to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and the Council of FAO.

General Rule VI.1: Strategic Plan

Current text:

"The Executive Director shall submit to the Annual Session of the Board, in the second year of each financial period, a Strategic Plan that will cover a four year period, be prepared every two years on a rolling basis and will highlight the main features of the proposed programme of work for the ensuing financial period."

Amended Text:

"The Executive Director shall submit to the Annual Session of the Board, in the second year of each Biennium, a Strategic Plan that will cover two successive Biennia. The Strategic Plan shall be prepared every two years on a rolling basis and will highlight the main features of the proposed programme of work for the first Biennium."

General Rule X.8: Availability of resources

Current text:

"The Executive Director shall ensure that development projects submitted to the Board for approval, and development projects and Country Programme activities approved under the Executive Director's delegated authority, can be implemented within estimated available resources. Resource availability shall take into account pledges and contributions expected for the current financial period, as well as resources which can reasonably be expected to be contributed during the two subsequent financial periods including resources which could be made available by the recipient government itself or by bilateral donors."

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Election of the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Executive Board elected H.E. Mirza Qamar Beg (Pakistan, List B) as President for a one-year term.

The Board elected as Vice-President H.E. Ewald Wermuth (The Netherlands, List D). The representatives of the Republic of the Congo, Mr Emile Essema (List A) Cuba, H.E. Alfredo Néstor Puig Pino (List C), and the Russian Federation, Mr Alexander A. Titarenko (List E) were elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists for a one-year term.

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Lothar Caviezel (Switzerland) Rapporteur of the First Regular Session of 2006.

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The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2006/EB.1/1

Current and Future Strategic Issues

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation on strategic issues facing WFP. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

20 February 2006

ANNUAL REPORTS

2006/EB.1/2

Annual Report for 2005 to ECOSOC and FAO Council

The Board approved the Annual Report for 2005 to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (WFP/EB.1/2006/4/Rev.1 + Add.1). In accordance with its decision 2004/EB.A/11 of 24 May 2004, the Board requested that the Annual Report be forwarded to ECOSOC and to the FAO Council, along with the Board's decisions and recommendations for 2005 and the present decision.

20 February 2006

POLICY ISSUES

2006/EB.1/3 **Targeting in Emergencies**

The Board endorsed the document "Targeting in Emergencies" (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-A) and requested that the following recommendations be added to the Policy Compendium:

"It is WFP policy that targeting is a central element of an integrated and comprehensive emergency needs assessment and response strategy. WFP should continue to respond immediately and in a cost-effective manner to emergencies and, in so doing, aim to meet conditions for effective targeting such as:

i) food assistance is required to save or protect lives and livelihoods;

ii) the most vulnerable target groups are identified;

iii) type and form of food assistance best suited to the needs of the target groups are identified; and

iv) on-going adjustments are made to the above on the basis of appropriate assessments and modification of activities according to changing needs.

Targeting should be a conscious and integral management activity at all stages of the programme cycle. As an emergency develops and population needs change, target groups, targeting methods and WFP practices must also evolve. Successful targeting requires regular, systematic analysis of a multiplicity of factors, including the gender dimensions of an emergency. Setting clear project objectives from the start that take these factors into account will later allow for targeting flexibility without compromising the goals of a project. The selection of programme and delivery mechanisms that ensure that food reaches those who need it is an equally important aspect of targeting.

The main targeting objective of WFP in emergencies is to achieve a balance between targeting exclusion errors, which can be life-threatening, and potentially disruptive or wasteful inclusion errors. In acute emergencies, due to the urgency of the situation, it may well be necessary to accept inclusion errors in order to save lives or protect livelihoods. Other targeting objectives include providing a safe environment for food deliveries and maintaining flexibility to adapt to rapidly changing situations.

Targeting costs increase in proportion to the level and detail of targeting. WFP should analyze benefits and budget for costs associated with different targeting approaches, keeping in mind that cost-efficiency for WFP may imply increased transaction or opportunity costs for recipients."

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2006/EB.1/4

Humanitarian Access and its Implications for WFP

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Note on Humanitarian Access and its Implications for WFP" (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-B + Corr.1 + Corr.2) and encouraged the Secretariat to continue developing its expertise in this area.

22 February 2006

2006/EB.1/5

Food Procurement in Developing Countries

In considering the paper "Food Procurement in Developing Countries" (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-C), the Board noted the issues involved in local, sub-regional and regional purchases of food products, especially where markets were not well developed, and recognized the positive and possible negative impacts WFP's procurement might have on these markets. The Board therefore requested that WFP continue to advance in its study of the developmental impact of food procurement, both on markets and on the food security of vulnerable groups. The Board further requested WFP to encourage local, sub-regional and regional purchases to the extent possible.

In addition, the Board:

- subject to considerations of cost-efficiency, timeliness and appropriateness to beneficiary needs, ***re-affirmed*** that WFP should continue to undertake food procurement in a manner that accentuated positive impacts and mitigated against negative consequences;
- ***urged*** donors to provide more unrestricted, timely and predictable funding so that WFP could more effectively plan and undertake local, sub-regional and regional food procurement; and
- ***requested*** WFP to give due consideration to optimizing the potential developmental benefits of procurement by:
  - working closely with national governments, FAO, IFAD and others to assess the capacity of local, sub-regional and regional markets to participate in WFP procurement and to support partner efforts to develop this capacity further;
  - ensuring that WFP country offices and/or regional bureaux, where appropriate to the overall needs of WFP, have the necessary staff to enable them to procure food based on an adequate knowledge and analysis of local, sub-regional and regional markets; and
  - providing the Board, in the framework of its discussions of WFP's operations and country situations, with a detailed breakdown of the origin of commodities purchased or received in local, sub-regional and regional markets and assessments of the capacity of local, sub-regional and regional suppliers to meet procurement needs.

The Board requested that the Secretariat provide a report on the implementation of its requests at the Annual Session in 2006, and regularly thereafter.

21 February 2006

2006/EB.1/6 **Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative**

The Board took note of the Secretariat's oral presentation on Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

21 February 2006

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2006/EB.1/7 **Review of ISC Rate Modalities**

The Board took note of the document "Review of ISC Rate Modalities" (WFP/EB.1/2006/6-A/1) and looked forward to a more comprehensive and final review of the ISC rate to be presented to the Annual Session of the Board in June 2006.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.1/2006/6(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2006/6(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

21 February 2006

2006/EB.1/8 **Review of the Arrangements for Reporting Post-Delivery Food Losses to the Executive Board: Report by the External Auditor**

The Board took note of "Review of the Arrangements for Reporting Post Delivery Food Losses to the Executive Board: Report by the External Auditor" (WFP/EB.1/2006/6-B/1) and looked forward to a management response to the recommendations and findings contained in the report.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.1/2006/6(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2006/6(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

21 February 2006

2006/EB.1/9 **Follow-Up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor**

The Board took note of the information contained in "Follow-Up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor" (WFP/EB.1/2006/6-C/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.1/2006/6(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2006/6(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

21 February 2006

EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.1/10 **Evaluation of WFP's Assistance to China (1979–2005)**

The Board took note of the document "Evaluation of WFP's Assistance to China, 1979–2005" (WFP/EB.1/2006/7-A).

23 February 2006

2006/EB.1/11 **Thematic Review of Targeting in Relief Situations: Summary Report**

The Board took note of the document "Thematic Review of Targeting in Relief Operations: Summary Report" (WFP/EB.1/2006/7-B).

21 February 2006

2006/EB.1/12 **Summary Report of the Thematic Review of WFP-Supported Mother-and-Child Nutrition Interventions**

The Board took note of the document "Summary Report of the Thematic Review of WFP-Supported Mother-and-Child Nutrition Interventions" (WFP/EB.1/2006/7-C*) and of the recommendations it contains. It looked forward to receiving a more detailed management response at its next session.

22 February 2006

2006/EB.1/13 **WFP/UNHCR Joint Evaluation of the Pilot Food-Distribution Projects**

The Board took note of the document "WFP/UNHCR Joint Evaluation of the Pilot Food-Distribution Projects" (WFP/EB.1/2006/7-D) and encouraged WFP to take action on the findings, with considerations raised during discussion taken into account.

22 February 2006

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2006/EB.1/14 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Angola 10433.0**

The Board approved PRRO Angola 10433.0 "Food Assistance for Education and Health in Conflict-Affected Communities of Angola" (WFP/EB.1/2006/8/1 + Corr.1).

21 February 2006

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2006/EB.1/15 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Pakistan 10504.0**

The Board approved PRRO Pakistan 10504.0 "Post-Earthquake Relief and Recovery Operation — South Asia" (WFP/EB.1/2006/8/2).

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OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.1/16 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Democratic People's Republic of Korea 10488.0**

The Board approved PRRO Democratic People's Republic of Korea 10488.0 "Recovery Assistance for Vulnerable Groups in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea" (WFP/EB.1/2006/8/3). It requested the Secretariat to hold informal consultations with the Board at the discretion of the Executive Director on negotiations on the Letter of Understanding (LOU) with the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and to submit a written report to the Executive Board in June 2006.

23 February 2006

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2006/EB.1/17 **Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to WFP**

After considering the recommendations contained in the eight JIU reports in 2004 and one report in 2005 relevant to the work of WFP (WFP/EB.1/2006/11), the Board took note of the action WFP had taken on those recommendations.

23 February 2006

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2006/EB.1/18 **Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2005**

The Board endorsed the draft Summary of the work of its Second Regular Session of 2005, the final version of which would be contained in document WFP/EB.2/2005/15.

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The Board adopted the agenda as modified.

12 June 2006

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Francisco José Coy Granados (Colombia) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 2006.

12 June 2006

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2006/EB.A/1 **Current and Future Strategic Issues**

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation on current and future strategic issues facing WFP. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

12 June 2006

2006/EB.A/2 **Procedure for the Appointment or Reappointment of the Executive Director**

The Board noted with approval a statement made by the President concerning the arrangements for consulting the Board about the appointment or re-appointment of the Executive Director under Articles VII.2 and VII.3 of the General Regulations of WFP.

16 June 2006

ANNUAL REPORTS

2006/EB.A/3 Annual Performance Report for 2005

The Board approved the Annual Performance Report for 2005 (WFP/EB.A/2006/4 + Corr.1), noting that it provided a comprehensive record of WFP's performance for the year.

12 June 2006

POLICY ISSUES

2006/EB.A/4 Engagement in Poverty-Reduction Strategies

The Board recommended that WFP:

a) engage with national authorities in the Poverty-Reduction Strategy process in partnership with FAO, IFAD, the United Nations country teams and other development partners to ensure due attention to food insecurity and hunger in the short, medium and long term;

b) integrate into PRRO and development project reports information on how they contribute to national poverty-reduction strategies;

c) prepare detailed guidance on WFP's engagement in national poverty-reduction strategy processes; and

d) consider how best to build national governments and WFP staff capacity, in line with WFP's mandate and Strategic Objectives, and taking account of competing resource needs and operational priorities.

14 June 2006

2006/EB.A/5 The Role and Application of Economic Analysis in WFP

In considering the paper "The Role and Application of Economic Analysis in WFP" (WFP/EB.A/2006/5-C), the Board noted the importance for WFP of integrating economic analysis in relation to its programmes and operations.

The Board recommended that:

a) WFP take the necessary steps to ensure that the role and application of economic analysis be mainstreamed within the organization in relation to its programmes and operations, and report on progress and associated costs in future Annual Performance Reports;

b) WFP continue to invest in its in-house economic analysis capability, in close cooperation with National Governments, as another tool for designing its programmes and operations and drawing to the maximum extent possible on the existing capacities of all partners concerned; and

c) WFP intensify its strategic partnership with FAO, IFAD and other organizations to exploit synergies and avoid duplication of analytical efforts. To this end, the Board requested a written report on the details of the strategic partnership, including the division of labour among the participating organizations and taking into account the observations made by Board members on the document to be submitted at the November 2006 Board Session.

15 June 2006

2006/EB.A/6 **Global Task Team Recommendations on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors**

The Board:

a) endorsed the recommendations of the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors;

b) strongly supported the emphasis on support for country-level action and strengthening national responses within the context of the GTT recommendations; and

c) endorsed the United Nations Technical Support Division-of-Labour Matrix.

15 June 2006

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2006/EB.A/7 **Audited Biennial Accounts, 2004–2005**

The Board:

a) approved the 2004–2005 Biennial Financial Statements of WFP, together with the Report of the External Auditor, pursuant to General Regulation XIV.6(b); and

b) noted the funding from the General Fund of US$7.6 million during the biennium for the write-off of contributions and accounts receivable.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/8 **WFP Pledging Target, 2007–2008**

Having considered the recommendations of the Executive Director in document WFP/EB.A/2006/6-B, the Board:

a) approved a pledging target of US$6.74 billion for 2007–2008, determined using the needs-based approach on which the current WFP Biennial Management Plan was based; and

b) recommended to ECOSOC that the next Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review may consider recommending to the General Assembly that pledging conferences should be discontinued because they no longer had a significant value in resource mobilization for WFP.

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/9 **Review of the Indirect Support Cost Rate**

The Board:

a) took note of the target level of the PSA equalization account of US$66 million for the current biennium;

b) requested the Secretariat to apply the methodology outlined in this document for establishing the ISC rate in future Management Plans; and

c) approved an ISC recovery rate of 7.0 percent for the 2006–2007 biennium as originally proposed in the Management Plan.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/10 **Review of the Results-Based Management Framework for Monitoring and Reporting Results: Report by the WFP External Auditor**

The Board took note of "Review of the Results-Based Management Framework for Monitoring and Reporting Results: Report by the WFP External Auditor" (WFP/EB.A/2006/6-D/1) and looked forward to a management response to the recommendations and findings contained in the report.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/11 **Progress Report on the Recommendations of the External Auditor**

The Board took note of the "Progress Report on the Recommendations of the External Auditor" (WFP/EB.A/2006/5-E/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/12 **Report of the Inspector General**

The Board took note of the Report of the Inspector General (WFP/EB.A/2006/6-F/1) and would forward it to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services along with its comments.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/13 **Analysis of WFP Cost Components**

The Board took note of the document "Analysis of WFP Cost Components" (WFP/EB.A/2006/6-G/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/14 **Report on WFP's Cash Balances**

The Board took note of "Report on WFP's Cash Balances" (WFP/EB.A/2006/6-H/1) and recommended that the Secretariat keep the cash balances under review to ensure that they were at appropriate levels.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/15 **Second Progress Report on the Implementation of International Accounting Standards**

The Board:

a) took note of the High-Level Committee on Management approval of the recommendations of the United Nations Task Force on Accounting Standards, endorsed by the Finance and Budget Network, proposing that the United Nations system adopt International Public Sector Accounting Standards;

b) approved the adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards by WFP for its financial statements, effective January 2008; and

c) took note of the estimated costs of the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards in WFP of US$3.7 million.

13 June 2006

2006/EB.A/16 **Update on the WFP Management Plan (2006–2007)**

The Board:

a) took note of the information contained in "Update on the WFP Management Plan (2006–2007)";

b) approved the transfer to the IRA of US$20 million from the positive balance on the PSA equalization account; and

c) authorized the Executive Director to allot up to US$3.7 million from the PSA equalization account balance to cover the implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2006/6 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

14 June 2006

EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.A/17 **Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Business Process Review**

The Board,

recognizing a) that the conclusions of the "Full Report of the Evaluation of the Business Process Review" highlight the benefits achieved through the nine pilot operations, b) that the BPR achieved its two major objectives of maximizing the utilization of contributions and making food available on a more timely basis, c) that US$167.5 million of the US$185.5 million authorized in working-capital loans has been repaid, with no write-offs to date, and d) that the evaluation report identified areas for improvement that

were being addressed by the Secretariat, which was developing an automated tool, preparing guidance materials and reviewing the internal advance mechanisms,

authorized the Secretariat to extend the BPR model as appropriate, with no increase to the overall working-capital threshold of US$180 million, to those country offices that had implemented the business building blocks to support the BPR system and had the capacity to benefit from it;

encouraged all the country offices to enact such building blocks so as to join and benefit from the BPR model; and

requested the Secretariat to present the status of implementation at the Second Regular Session of 2006.

15 June 2006

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.A/18 **Summary Report of the Mid-Term Evaluation of Country Programme Bhutan 10133.0 (2002–2007)**

The Board took note of the information and recommendations in "Summary Report of the Mid-Term Evaluation of Country Programme Bhutan 10133.0 (2002–2007)" (WFP/EB.A/2006/7-A/2) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during discussion.

14 June 2006

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/19 **Draft Country Programme — Bangladesh 10410.0 (2007–2010)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme Bangladesh 10410.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/8), for which the regular development food resources were 245,600 mt at a cost of US$101.6 million covering all basic direct operational costs. The Board:

a) authorized WFP to mobilize additional contributions from other sources to the level of US$207.6 million for four years to address the needs of 5.4 million beneficiaries; and

b) authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking account of the observations of the Board and after intense consultations with the relevant national and international agencies.

14 June 2006

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.A/20 **Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Response to the Crisis in Niger in 2005**

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in "Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Response to the Crisis in Niger in 2005" (WFP/EB.A/2006/7-A/4) and of the management response, and invited WFP to follow up the recommendations, taking into account issues raised by Board members during discussion.

The Board invited WFP to present to its next session a report on the follow-up on the recommendations of the evaluation, including concrete suggestions on how to improve the prevention of similar potential crises in the Sahel.

15 June 2006

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/21 **Draft Country Programme — Chad 10478.0 (2007–2010)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme Chad 10478.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/2), for which the food requirement was 31,217 mt at a cost of US$24,483,133[1] covering all basic direct operational costs. It authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking account of the observations of the Board.

15 June 2006

2006/EB.A/22 **Draft Country Programme — Guinea 10453.0 (2007–2011)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme Guinea 10453.0 (2007–2011) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/1), for which the food requirement was 26,128 mt at a cost of US$17.7 million, covering all basic direct operational costs. It authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking account of the observations of the Board.

15 June 2006

[1] Although the requirements put forward amount to US$34,127,548, the budget was revised to take account of the level authorized in the results-based management framework.

MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.A/23 **Summary Report of the Evaluation of Country Programme Yemen 10137.0 (2002–2007)**

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in "Summary Report of the Evaluation of Country Programme Yemen 10137.0 (2002–2007)" (WFP/EB.A/2006/7–A/1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

15 June 2006

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/24 **Draft Country Programme Yemen 10435.0 (2007–2011)**

The Board endorsed the draft country programme Yemen 10435.0 (2007-2011) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/7 + Corr.1) for which the food requirement was 96,256 mt at a cost of US$40 million covering all basic direct operational costs, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme taking into account the comments of members of the Board.

15 June 2006

2006/EB.A/25 **Draft Country Programme Egypt 10450.0 (2007–2011)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme Egypt 10450.0, Enabling Livelihoods, Nutrition and Food Security, 2007–2011 (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/4 + Corr.1).

In line with WFP's General Rules, the "countries of concentration" policy and the limited availability of resources for development, the budget for Board approval was capped at approximately US$8.0 million — US$1.6 million a year for five years. These resources would cover 20,904 mt of food for 80,150 beneficiaries.

The Board also endorsed WFP's strategy for an expanded country programme for a total of US$44.1 million, considering ongoing reform efforts by the Government of Egypt and the urgent need to improve government food-assisted development activities. WFP would seek additional funding beyond regular pledges and contributions to support Egypt in meeting these needs. The expanded country programme would assist approximately 396,000 beneficiaries with direct food support, and would enable millions more poor people to secure food and other basic services under enhanced government safety-net programmes, facilitating a smooth phase-out of WFP assistance by 2011.

The Board authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the comments of Board members.

15 June 2006

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/26 **Draft Country Programme Mozambique 10446.0 (2007–2009)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme Mozambique 10446.0 (2007-2009) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/3), for which the food requirement was 66,684 mt at a cost of US$35 million covering all basic direct operational costs. It authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking account of the observations of the Board.

15 June 2006

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/27 **Draft Country Programme — Ethiopia 10430.0 (2007–2011)**

The Board (i) endorsed draft country programme Ethiopia 10430.0 (2007-2011) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/5), for which the food requirement was 230,000 mt at a cost of US$108.2 million for all basic direct operational costs, (ii) endorsed the concept of an expanded country programme as outlined, and (iii) authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account comments from members of the Board

16 June 2006

2006/EB.A/28 **Draft Country Programme — United Republic of Tanzania 10437.0 (2007–2010)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme United Republic of Tanzania 10437.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.A/2006/8/6), for which the food requirement was 69,732 mt at a total cost of US$32.2 million covering all basic direct operational costs, and authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking account of the comments of the Board.

16 June 2006

EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.A/29 **Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Somalia 10191.0**

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in "Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Somalia 10191.0" (WFP/EB.A/2006/7-A/3) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

16 June 2006

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/30 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Somalia 10191.1**

The Board approved PRRO Somalia 10191.1 "Food Aid for Relief and Protection of Livelihoods" (WFP/EB.A/2006/9).

16 June 2006

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

2006/EB.A/31 **Progress Report on the Ethiopia Drought Insurance Pilot Project**

The Board took note of the "Progress Report on the Ethiopia Drought Insurance Pilot Project" (WFP/EB.A/2006/10-A/Rev.1). It authorized the Executive Director to continue analysis of the Ethiopia pilot project and preparatory work on a work plan and budget for an extension of the first Ethiopia pilot project into a second phase.

The Board also requested the Executive Director to examine the feasibility of a potential expansion of the drought insurance portfolio into commercially viable risk-management strategies.

The Board requested the Secretariat to investigate the most suitable partners and institutional home to pursue such work.

The Board requested an informal consultation on the above subjects in September 2006, the results of which will serve as basis for presentation to the Board's Second Regular Session of 2006.

At the Second Regular Session of 2006, the Board will consider reports on progress in the Ethiopia pilot project, possible further drought pilot projects on a case-by-case basis subject to the identification of funding sources, and the broader issue of suitable partnerships and an institutional home for this work. These matters will be presented in the form of a work plan and budget for 2007 for Board approval.

The Secretariat will provide the membership with a final report on the current Ethiopia pilot project at the First Regular Session of 2007, or the Second Regular Session of 2006, as appropriate.

16 June 2006

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2006/EB.A/32 **Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2005**

In considering "Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January - 31 December 2005" (WFP/EB.A/2006/13-A + Corr.1), the Board noted the country-specific and commodity-specific losses suffered and the corrective actions taken by WFP, governments and other partners to minimize post-delivery losses. It encouraged the Secretariat to take all necessary

measures to ensure that losses were reduced, to seek reimbursement from governments that had lost commodities through negligence and to continue to report to the Board annually.

15 June 2006

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2006/EB.A/33 **Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2006**

The Board endorsed the draft Summary of the work of its First Regular Session of 2006, the final version of which would be contained in document WFP/EB.1/2006/15.

16 June 2006

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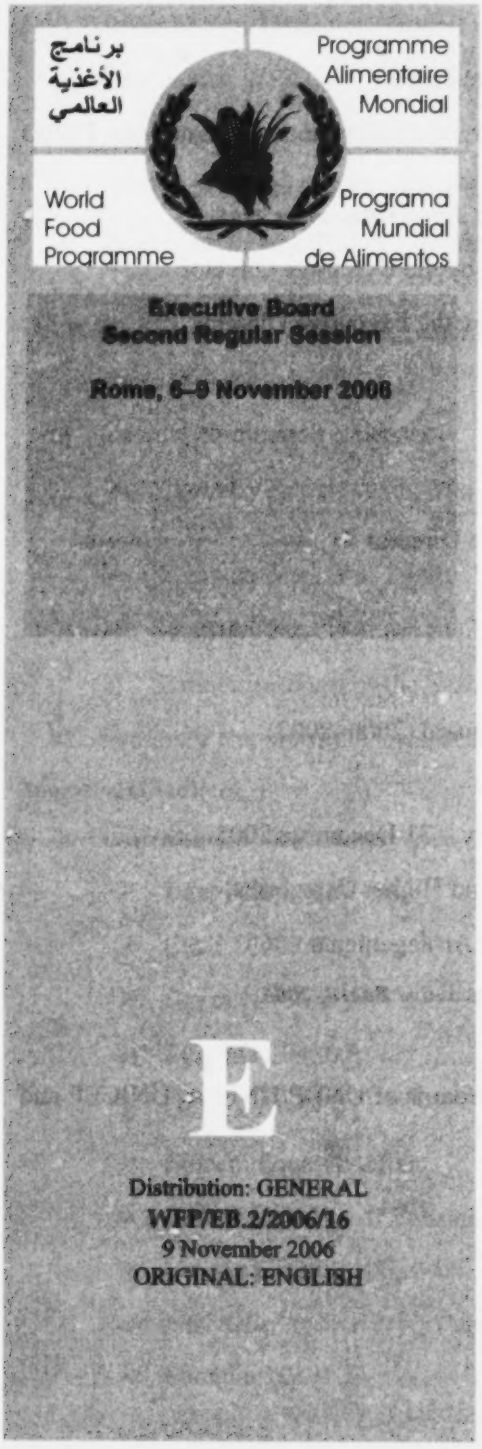

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Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as presented (Annex).

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Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed H.E. Bojana Hocevar (List E, Slovenia) Rapporteur of the Second Regular Session of 2006.

6 November 2006

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

OPENING REMARKS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2006/EB.2/1 **Opening Remarks by the Executive Director**

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

6 November 2006

POLICY ISSUES

2006/EB.2/2 **Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative: Global Framework for Action**

Having considered the document on "Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative: Global Framework for Action" (WFP/EB.2/2006/4-A) the Board:

a) welcomed the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative (ECHUI), and progress on the Global Framework for Action for that initiative;

b) recognized the initiative's potential contribution to achieving the first Millennium Development Goal, and the catalytic role of WFP and UNICEF, working through their respective mandates and established Memorandum of Understanding, in mobilizing the global partnerships required to end child hunger;

c) recognized that the initiative focuses on the 350 to 400 million hungry children in the developing world, particularly the estimated 146 million undernourished children under 5 years of age;

d) encouraged WFP, with UNICEF, to lead the initiative effectively by mobilizing a broad range of partners to support national efforts in this critical area, with the goals of:

(i) increasing awareness of child hunger and undernutrition, and increasing understanding of potential solutions;

(ii) strengthening national policies and programmes;

(iii) increasing country capacities for direct community action; and

(iv) increasing the effectiveness and accountability of global efforts to reduce child hunger and undernutrition;

e) requested WFP, with UNICEF, to provide periodic information and analysis on progress of the initiative, including results, constraints, opportunities and lessons learned;

f) requested the Secretariat to submit at the next session of the Executive Board in February 2007 a paper:

i) to authorize WFP to participate in a revised version of the Global Framework for Action; and

ii) to approve a statement on WFP's role in the workplan for 2007-2008, and an estimated budget for WFP's participation in the workplan.

Furthermore, the Secretariat would submit to the session for its consideration:

iii) the status of the Partners Group;

iv) milestones for 2007–2008 and the corresponding timetable for developing the Partners Groups workplan and responsibilities; and

v) the draft workplan for the initiative, including terms of reference for the Partners Group, the Steering Group and the Secretariat of the initiative.

9 November 2006

2006/EB.2/3 **Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessments: Second Progress Report on the Implementation Plan**

The Board took note of "Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessments: Second Progress Report on the Implementation Plan" (WFP/EB.2/2006/4-B/Rev.1)

6 November 2006

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2006/EB.2/4 **Third Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards**

The Board:

i) approved the changes to the General Regulations in Annex I, effective 1 January 2008, and recommended their approval by designated United Nations, ECOSOC and FAO bodies;

ii) approved, pursuant to approval of the changes to the General Regulations in (i) above, the changes to the General Rules in Annex II, effective 1 January 2008, and submitted them for information to ECOSOC and the FAO Council;

iii) approved, pursuant to approval of the changes to the General Regulations in (i) above, the changes proposed to the Financial Regulations in Annex III, effective 1 January 2008;

iv) took note of the United Nations General Assembly approval of the adoption of IPSAS; and

v) took note of the action taken by the United Nations and WFP in preparation for the implementation of IPSAS.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2006/6 (A,D,E,F,G,H,I,)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2006/6 (A,D,E,F,G,H,I,)/3).

7 November 2006

2006/EB.2/5 **Progress Report on Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations on 2004–2005 Operations**

The Board took note of "Progress Report on Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations on 2004–2005 Operations" (WFP/EB.2/2006/5-D/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2006/6 (A,D,E,F,G,H,I,)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2006/6 (A,D,E,F,G,H,I,)/3).

7 November 2006

2006/EB.2/6 **Programme of Work of the External Auditor for the Biennium 2006-2007**

The Board took note of "Programme of Work of the External Auditor for the Biennium 2006–2007" (WFP/EB.2/2006/5-E/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2006/6 (A,D,E,F,G,H,I,)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2006/6 (A,D,E,F,G,H,I,)/3).

7 November 2006

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/7 **Country Programme — Chad 10478.0 (2007–2010)**

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Chad 10478.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/3*), which represents a total volume of 31,217 mt of food at a cost of US$24 483 133, including all basic direct operational costs.

7 November 2006

2006/EB.2/8 **Country Programme — Guinea 10453.0 (2007–2011)**

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Guinea 10453.0 (2007–2011) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/7), for which the food requirement is 26,128 mt at a cost of US$17.7 million, covering all basic direct operational costs.

7 November 2006

2006/EB.2/9 **Draft Country Programme —Senegal 10451.0 (2007–2011)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme Senegal 10451.0 (2007–2011) (WFP/EB.2/2006/7/1), for which the food requirement was 27,828 mt at a cost of US$16,057,377 dollars covering all basic direct operational costs, and authorized the Secretariat to proceed with the formulation of a country programme, taking account of the observations of members of the Board.

7 November 2006

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

2006/EB.2/10 **Report on the Follow-Up to the Evaluation of the WFP Response to the Crisis in Niger in 2005**

The Board took note of "Report on the Follow-Up to the Evaluation of the WFP Response to the Crisis in Niger in 2005" (WFP/EB.2/2006/10/2).

7 November 2006

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/11 **Country Programme — Ethiopia 10430.0 (2007–2011)**

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Ethiopia 10430.0 (2007–2011) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/8) for which the food requirement is 230,000 mt at a cost of US$108.2 million covering all basic direct operational costs.

7 November 2006

2006/EB.2/12 **Country Programme — United Republic of Tanzania 10437.0 (2007-2010)**

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme United Republic of Tanzania 10437.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/2), for which the food requirement is 69,732 mt at a cost of US$32.2 million covering all basic direct operational costs.

7 November 2006

2006/EB.2/13 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval — Burundi 10528.0**

The Board approved PRRO Burundi 10528.0 "Support for the Stabilization and Recovery of Burundi: Protecting and Creating Livelihoods while Improving the Nutritional Status of the most Vulnerable" (WFP/EB.2/2006/9-A/1).

7 November 2006

2006/EB.2/14 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval — United Republic of Tanzania 10529.0**

The Board approved PRRO United Republic of Tanzania 10529.0 "Assistance to Refugees in Camps and Vulnerable Households among the Host Population in North-Western Tanzania" (WFP/EB.2/2006/9-A/3 + Corr.1).

7 November 2006

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

2006/EB.2/15 **Ethiopia Drought Insurance Updates and 2007 Weather Risk Management Workplan**

The Board (i) took note of continued progress on Phase I of the Ethiopia Drought Insurance Project and looked forward to the final project report to be submitted at the First Regular Session in 2007; and (ii) authorized the Secretariat to prepare a project budget and workplan for a phase II study to submit to donors for their consideration.

Subject to funding of this proposed project, the Secretariat would address all steps outlined in paragraph 14 of document WFP/EB.2/2006/10/1. The Secretariat would also address all other questions raised by the Board during the Second Regular Session in 2006 in a timely manner so as to enable the Board to form an opinion before the Second Regular Session in 2007. This review would include an evaluation of the institutional home, national or multilateral, including the financial and organizational responsibilities, leading to a final recommendation, as to such institutional home.

9 November 2006

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/16 **Country Programme — Mozambique 10446.0 (2007–2009)**

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Mozambique 10446.0 (2007–2009) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/6), for which the food requirement is 66,684 mt at a cost of US$41.9 million covering all basic operational costs.

8 November 2006

2006/EB.2/17 **Draft Country Programme — Zambia 10447.0 (2007–2010)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme Zambia 10447.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.2/2006/7/2), for which the food requirement was 52,201 mt at a cost of US$28.9 million for all direct operational costs. It authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme taking account of the observations of members of the Board.

8 November 2006

2006/EB.2/18 **Budget Increase to PRRO — Southern Africa 10310.0**

The Board approved the budget increase to PRRO Southern Africa 10310.0 "Assistance to Populations in Southern Africa Vulnerable to Food Insecurity and the Impact of AIDS" (WFP/EB.2/2006/9-B) to enable continued assistance to Zimbabwe until December 2007.

8 November 2006

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/19 **Country Programme—Bangladesh 10410.0 (2007–2010)**

The Board approved on a no-objection basis country programme Bangladesh 10410.0 (2007–2010) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/1), for which the food requirements are 263,650 mt at a cost of US$101.6 million covering all basic direct operational costs. The Board authorizes WFP to mobilize additional contributions from other sources to the level of US$207.6 million for four years to address the needs of 5.4 million beneficiaries.

9 November 2006

2006/EB.2/20 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval — Myanmar 10066.3**

The Board approved PRRO Myanmar 10066.3 "Assistance to Vulnerable Families" (WFP/EB.2/2006/9-A/2).

9 November 2006

MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/21 **Country Programme — Egypt 10450.0 (2007–2011)**

The Board approved on a no-objection basis Country Programme Egypt 10450.0 (2007–2011) "Enabling Livelihoods, Nutrition and Food Security", (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/4), for which the food requirement is 20,904 mt at a cost of US$6.8 million covering all basic direct operational costs.

The Board also approves WFP's strategy for an expanded country programme for a total of US$44.1 million, considering ongoing reform efforts by the Government of Egypt and the urgent need to improve government food-assisted development activities.

8 November 2006

2006/EB.2/22 **Country Programme — Yemen 10435.0 (2007–2011)**

The Board approved on a no objection basis the Country Programme for Yemen 10435.0 (2007–2011) (WFP/EB.2/2006/8/5), for which the food requirement is 96,256 mt at a cost of US$40.5 million covering all basic direct operational costs.

8 November 2006

EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.2/23 **Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Tajikistan 10231.0**

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in "Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Tajikistan 10231.0" (WFP/EB.2/2006/6-B) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by Board members during its discussion.

8 November 2006

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2006/EB.2/24 **Summary Report of the Evaluation of Central America PRRO 10212.0**

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in "Summary Report of the Evaluation of Central America PRRO 10212.0" (WFP/EB.2/2006/6-A) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

8 November 2006

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/25 **Biennial Programme of Work (2007–2008) of the Executive Board**

The Board approved "Biennial Programme of Work (2007–2008) of the Executive Board" (WFP/EB.2/2006/12) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

8 November 2006

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2006/EB.2/26 **Review of the Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director**

The Board:

i) took note of the information on PRROs and budget increases to PRROs approved by the Executive Director under the increased delegation of authority granted at the Third Regular Session in 2004;

ii) took note of the information regarding budget increases to country programmes, approved by the Executive Director under the increased delegation of authority granted at the Second Regular Session in 2005;

iii) endorsed the continuation of these delegations for a further two years until the Second Regular Session in 2008;

iv) re-emphasized that the mechanism for approval of PRROs and related budget increases by correspondence should be used as set out in Decision 2004/EB.3/33;

v) requested the Secretariat to keep it informed twice a year of the use of the Executive Director's delegated authority as set out in Annex I;

vi) approved the amendment to the Appendix to the General Rules as set out in Annex I; and

vii) requested the Secretariat to provide a review of these delegations after two additional years of implementation at the Second Regular Session of the Board in 2008.

8 November 2006

2006/EB.2/27 **Comprehensive Human Resources Review**

The Board took note of the information provided in the document WFP/EB.2/2006/13-B and requested the Secretariat to submit a comprehensive policy on human resources to the Board during 2007.

8 November 2006

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2006/EB.2/28 **Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2006**

The Board endorsed the draft Summary of the work of its Annual Session of 2006, the final version of which would be contained in document WFP/EB.A/2006/17.

9 November 2006

OTHER BUSINESS

2006/EB.2/29 **Letter of Engagement of the WFP External Auditor**

Taking note of the explanation presented by the President, the Board approved the new audit fees proposed by the External Auditor for 2006–2009, which the Secretariat considered reasonable and justified, and authorized the President of the Board to sign NAO's Letter of Engagement on its behalf.

9 November 2006

ANNEX

AGENDA

1. ***Adoption of the Agenda***

2. ***Appointment of the Rapporteur***

3. ***Opening Remarks by the Executive Director***

4. ***Policy Issues***

   a) Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative: Global Framework for Action (for consideration)

   b) Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessments: Second Progress Report on the Implementation Plan (for information)

   c) Annual Update on School Feeding (for information)

   d) Report on WFP's Strategic Partnerships in Economic Analysis (for information)

   e) Update of the Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies (for information)

   f) Review of the Country Programme Approval Process (for information)

5. ***Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters***

   a) Third Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (for approval)

   b) Procedures for the Re-Appointment of the External Auditor (for approval) - **withdrawn**

   c) Report of the WFP External Auditor on Treasury Management (for consideration) - **withdrawn**

   d) Progress Report on Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations on 2004–2005 Operations (for consideration)

   e) Programme of Work of the External Auditor for the Biennium 2006-2007 (for information)

   f) Progress Report on the WINGS II Project and Funding Approach (for information)

   g) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2006–2007) (for information)

   h) Status of Implementation of the Business Process Review Model (for information)

   i) Report on Changes in WFP's Investment Policy (for information)

6. ***Evaluation Reports***

a) Summary Report of the Evaluation of Central America PRRO 10212.0 (for consideration)

b) Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Tajikistan 10231.0 (for consideration)

c) Tsunami Evaluation: Synthesis Report (for information)

d) Information Note on the Inter-Agency Real-Time Evaluation of the Application of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Cluster Approach in the South Asia Earthquake (for information)

Operational Matters

7. ***Draft Country Programmes*** (for consideration)

- Senegal 10451.0 (2007–2011)
- Zambia 10447.0 (2007–2010)

8. ***Country Programmes*** (for approval)

- Bangladesh 10410.0 (2007–2010)
- Chad 10478.0 (2007–2010)
- Egypt 10450.0 (2007–2011)
- Ethiopia 10430.0 (2007–2011)
- Guinea 10453.0 (2007–2011)
- Mozambique 10466.0 (2007–2009)
- United Republic of Tanzania 10437.0 (2007–2010)
- Yemen 10435.0 (2007–2011)

9. ***Projects for Executive Board Approval*** (for approval)

a) Protracted relief and recovery operations (PRROs)

- Burundi 10528.0
- Myanmar 10066.3
- United Republic of Tanzania 10529.0

b) Budget increases to PRROs

- Southern Africa 10310.0

10. ***Operational Reports***

- Ethiopia Drought Insurance Updates and 2007 Weather Risk Management Workplan (for approval)
- Report on the Follow-Up to the Evaluation of the WFP Response to the Crisis in Niger in 2005 (for information)

11. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 January–30 June 2006)*** (for information)

a) Budget Increases to Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director

b) PRROs Approved by the Executive Director

- Azerbaijan 10168.1
- Madagascar 10442.0
- Mali 10452.0
- Niger 10509.0

c) Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by the Executive Director

d) Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or Jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO

12. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***

- Biennial Programme of Work (2007–2008) of the Executive Board (for approval)

13. ***Administrative and Managerial Matters***

a) Review of the Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director (for approval)

b) Comprehensive Human Resources Review (for information)

14. ***Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2006***

15. ***Other Business***

- Report on the Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Indonesia (for information)

16. ***Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations***

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